WASHINGTON – **Congressman John B. Larson (CT-01)** issued the following statement today in recognition of Equal Pay Day.

"If our country is to emerge from the Great Recession stronger than how we entered it, we need an economy that rewards hard work fairly regardless of gender. With middle class families still reeling from the recession, it is unacceptable that so many of our mothers, daughters and sisters are paid less than their male counterparts. While over the years progress has been made, whether it was with the Pay Equity Laws passed by the Connecticut General Assembly while I served as Senate President or in recent years with the passage of the Lily Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, for women in Connecticut there is still a large gap between what they make and what their male counterparts make. Obviously, there is still much more work to be done to ensure a fair workplace for everyone."

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